



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.2. Weather conditions limited a lot of field work; however most crops were looking good. High temperatures were in the 90s, and lows were in the 50s. Precipitation was up from the previous week with heavy rains.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/05/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	1	9	68	22
Subsoil	1	9	78	12

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 07/05/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	7	7	22	62	2
Grapes	3	2	9	81	5
Peaches	12	7	20	61	-
Corn	-	1	13	63	23
Cotton	-	-	8	89	3
Hay, Alfalfa	-	2	26	60	12
Hay, Other	1	8	28	55	8
Peanuts	-	-	8	84	8
Potatoes, Summer	-	-	19	81	-
Soybeans	-	2	22	64	12
Tobacco, Burley	-	3	37	51	9
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	4	30	62	4
Tobacco, Flue-cured	3	3	21	54	19
Winter Wheat	1	2	22	65	10
Pasture	1	10	32	47	10
Livestock	1	6	24	58	11

-Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 07/05/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Barley harvested	91	80	94	-
Corn silking	31	20	32	47
Cotton squaring	66	55	42	54
Oats harvested	68	52	79	-
Peanuts pegging	12	7	24	26
Potatoes, Summer harvested	24	15	18	39

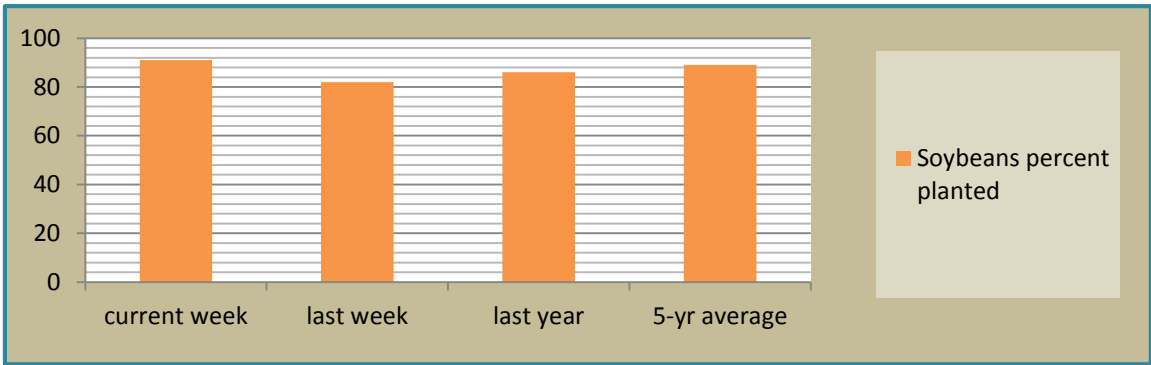
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 07/05/15

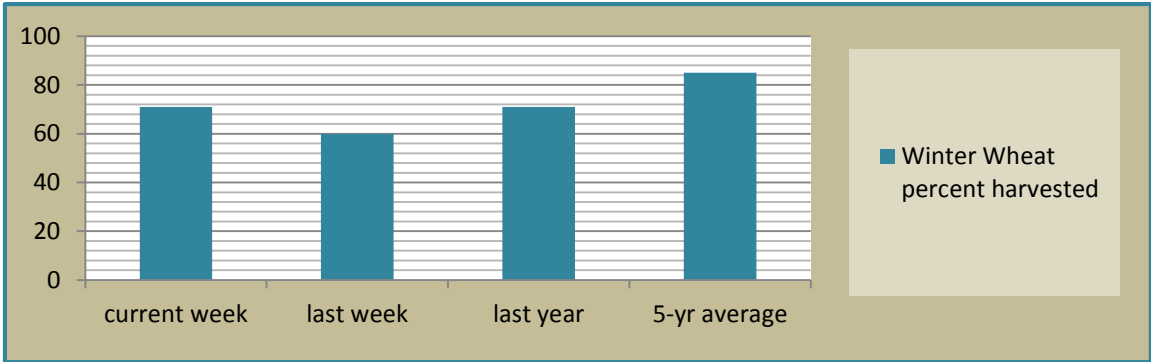
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Soybeans planted	91	82	86	89
Soybeans emerged	79	69	73	79
Tobacco, Burley transplanted	96	93	-	-
Winter Wheat harvested	71	60	71	85

- Represents data not available.

SOYBEANS PLANTED for week ending 07/05/15



WINTER WHEAT HARVESTED for week ending 07/05/15



Weather Summary- For the week ending July 5, 2015

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to July 4	Mar. 1 to July 4 norm	Last Week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	81	60	84	53	71	-3	1771	1601	0.63	5.94	1.61	19.32	-3.14
Norfolk	86	71	92	65	78	0	2035	1751	0.45	8.88	4.55	23.88	1.14
Richmond	85	66	90	59	76	-1	2079	1760	2.70	8.51	4.46	26.50	4.78
Roanoke	80	63	86	54	72	-3	1854	NA	0.51	9.44	5.27	24.40	2.22
Wash/Dulles	80	62	85	54	71	-3	1724	NA	1.04	8.36	3.82	22.24	0.86

* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. NA-Not available. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY – Comments are based on remarks made by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

NORTHERN

PRINCE WILLIAM (Paige Thacker)
Frequent rains and high humidity.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas A Stanley)
A week of moderate temperatures and showers with significant rain Tuesday and Sunday nights helped maintain soil moisture to the benefit of row crops, pasture, and hay. Rainfall totals for the week ranged from .5 to 1.0 inch.

CENTRAL

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)
Like last week, abundant rainfalls have kept the crops looking very good and doing their best. Some early season/early planted corn has already had enough rainfall to guarantee a good yield, and it is suspected that this will be a bumper year for all corn producers.

EASTERN

GLOUCESTER (David Moore)

Another week of showers. Corn is loving it. Wheat crop is losing quality each day and so is double crop soybean potential. Vegetable producers are hoping for dryer weather, but one thing for sure, we will take what comes. Haymaking is also on hold. Some folks have bush-hogged some fields and have put off cutting until later. Cantaloupes, tomatoes, squash, peppers, sweet corn are being picked and quality is pretty good so far.

NORTHAMPTON (Ursula Deitch)

Potato harvest began this week. Wheat harvest continues with the majority of the wheat finishing up. Evening rain showers are causing the delay in wheat harvest. Double crop beans are still being planted.

SOUTHWESTERN

SCOTT (Scott Jerrell)

Rain showers about every day. Vegetable harvest picking up. Producers looking forward to good VQA sale tonight.

SOUTHERN

LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)

Lots of rain, cannot really get in the fields. Not sure when/if we will be able to harvest the rest of the wheat. Things are growing well but we will have to keep our eyes peeled for disease issues as it has remained very humid. The corn looks great, the tobacco and beans look good, sorghum is coming along nicely. Pastures are green as most have been mowed at this point. Livestock are doing well. Some rough cases of pink eye this year though.

SOUTHEASTERN

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Late afternoon rains and storms have arrived basically daily this week. For the most part producers can work in some fields. Small grains are being harvested and soybeans planted immediately behind them. Some soybeans seem to be showing a nutrition concern and some producers are taking tissue samples for analysis.

GREENSVILLE (Nichole Norton)

4.25 inches of rain.

PRINCE GEORGE (Scott Reiter)

Heavy rains continued this week. Wheat harvest finished early week. Soybean planting has stalled with sloppy conditions in a few remaining fields. Some herbicide applications were made before late week rains.

SURRY (Glenn Slade)

Recent heavy rains have field work limited to very few acres. Crops are growing well but so are weeds, in soybeans that sprayers can't get to. Corn yield potential looks very good. Only a few acres of small grain still in fields.

SUSSEX (Kevin Wells)

Heavy steady rain fell over most of the area the last several days. Rain totals range from 3-6 inches or more in some areas. Corn will be made from this rain and other crops will also benefit from the additional moisture.